David Lifton source Richard Gallen, 1/26/91

This is for the record only. Because I did not ask Dick if it should be kept confidential I think it must be so regarded.

Dick used to be general counsel for Dell. He also was co-publisher of Parallax and related publishers. He had been counsel for at least one other publisher.

When Lifton's book was a hardback best seller, his agent, Peter Sheppard, who had been Dick's assistant at Dell, asked him for help because all the major paperback reprinters had declined ~~the~~ to reprint a best seller, which is unusual. Finally, Sheppard got Dell to contract it, with a $10,000 advance, which I regard as small for a best seller. Then Dell decided that the book was too thick for its kind of reprint but I think he said that some copies had been published by Dell because he did tell me that the printer was a company owned by Dell. It wound up with a friend at Dell asking him to help place the book and he did, with Carroll & Graf, who are his friends and whose office is near ~~theirs.~~ his.

Dick got to know Lifton and regards him as flakey. And obnoxious. I think he said that he was in school with Lifton's father near the Rockaways on Long Island.

He said that there came a time, he thinks when Lifton was about 30, that the parents could no longer put up with him, tried and could not get him out of the house, and finally changed all the locks when Dave was not home.

I know that when David was rewriting Best Evidence he did live with his parents because he wrote me from there asking for some things and he got them when I mailed them to 140 Beach 135 St., Rockaway Beack 11694.